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Aloha Ms. Harrigan-Lum:

SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)
National Ocean Service Kihei Facility Project
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Thank you for your comments on our Draft Environmental Assessment for the National Ocean Service (NOS) Kihei Facility Project (KFP).

We intend to implement best management practices during all phases of the KFP including construction and post-construction to prevent an increase in pollutant loads during the life of this project. In this regard, the Environmental Assessment will recalculate the impervious area, the anticipated changes in surface runoff response and the effectiveness in the projects ability in preventing polluted runoff from entering the nearshore waters. We are currently investigating several strategies to reduce the amount of surface runoff from South Kihei Road to include the installation of a permeable paving material.

The project will also utilize appropriate tools to control dust during the construction phases of the project, including providing an adequate water source, effective landscaping to limit the amount of dust, strategic planning of construction phases and clean-up to minimize dust, and implement other best management practices to the extent practicable.

Again, thank you for your comments and interest in this project, and we are looking forward to continuing to work your office in the future.

Sincerely,

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